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reconstruction understood as synonymous with democratization. By

examining memoirs, biographies, novels, and revisionist conservative historical scholarship, Lee shows how the dominant discourse of a "complete break with the past" erases the critical ethos of previous emancipatory movements foundational to South Korean democracy."--